**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI**
**June 29, 2025 – Peter and Paul, Apostles**

*Worship Key*
*P: Pastor*
*A: Assisting Ministers*
***C: Congregation***

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**C: Amen.**

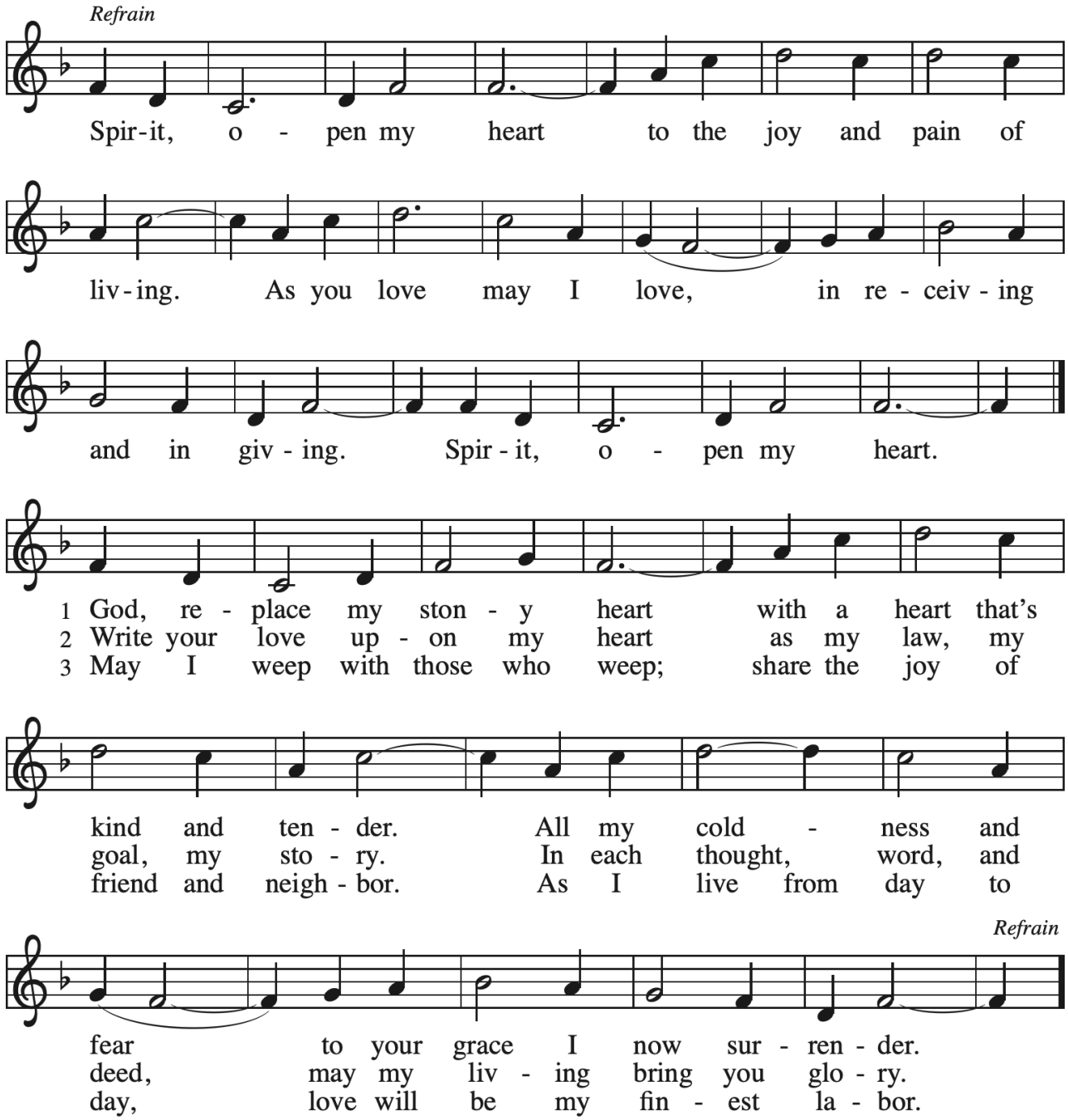
P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,
**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.**
**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**
**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN ACS 1043

*"Spirit, Open My Heart"*

Refrain
Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.
1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to
Refrain
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953
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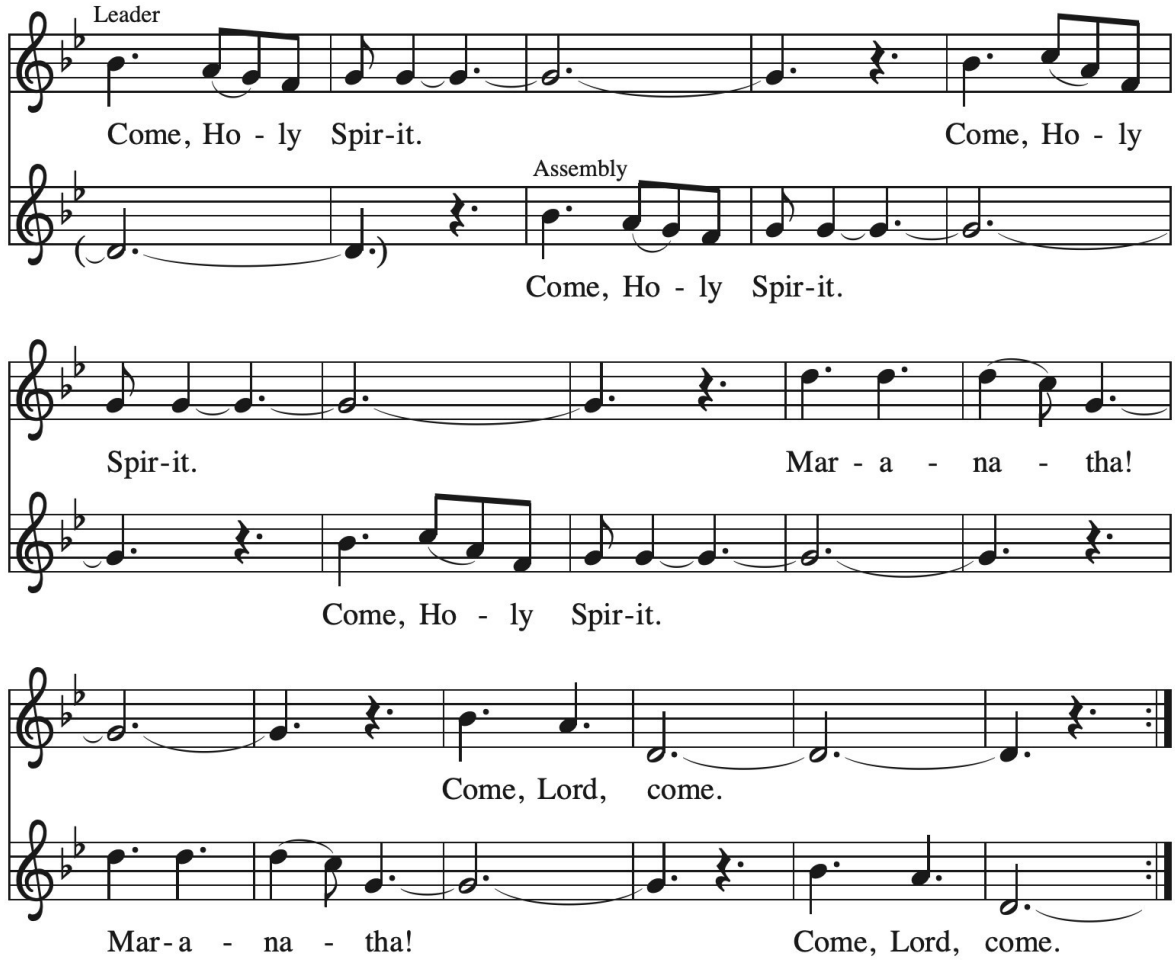
## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE *Come, Holy Spirit* ELW/ACS 940

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C: Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

*King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom.*

A: A reading from Acts.

1 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the
church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3 After he saw
that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the
Festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison
and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring
him out to the people after the Passover. 5 While Peter was kept in prison, the
church prayed fervently to God for him.

6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with
two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door
were keeping watch over the prison. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and
a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get
up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. 8 The angel said to him, "Fasten your
belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak
around you and follow me." 9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize
that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a
vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the
iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went
outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. 11 Then Peter
came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and
rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were
expecting."

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

*Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God. (Ps. 87:3)*

P: [1] On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded;
**C: [2] the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**
P: [3] Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.
**C: [5] Of the city it shall be said, "Everyone was born in Zion,**
**and the Most High shall sustain the city."**
P: [6] Enrolling the nations, the LORD records: "These also were born there."
**C: [7] The singers and the dancers will say, "All my fresh springs are in you."**

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

*Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.*

A: A reading from Second Timothy.

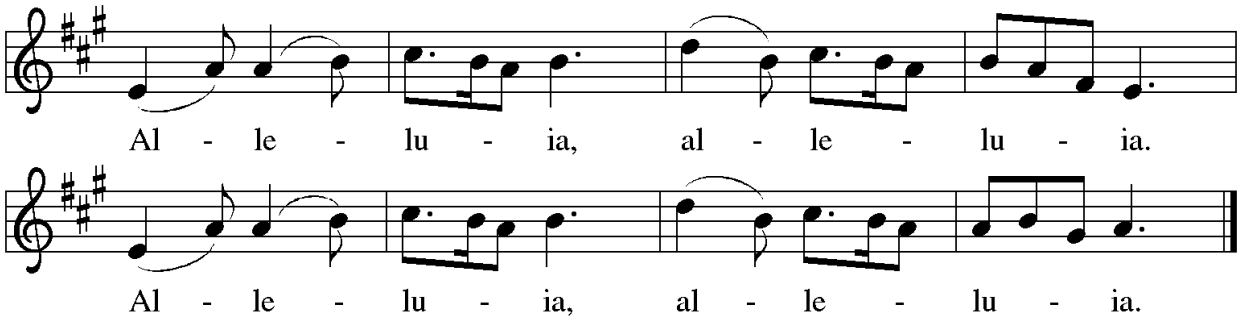
[6] As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. [8] From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

[17] But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*




## GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

*Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.*

P: The Gospel according to John.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of
John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that
I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I
love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the
third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything;
you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell
you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever
you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone
else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He
said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this
he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

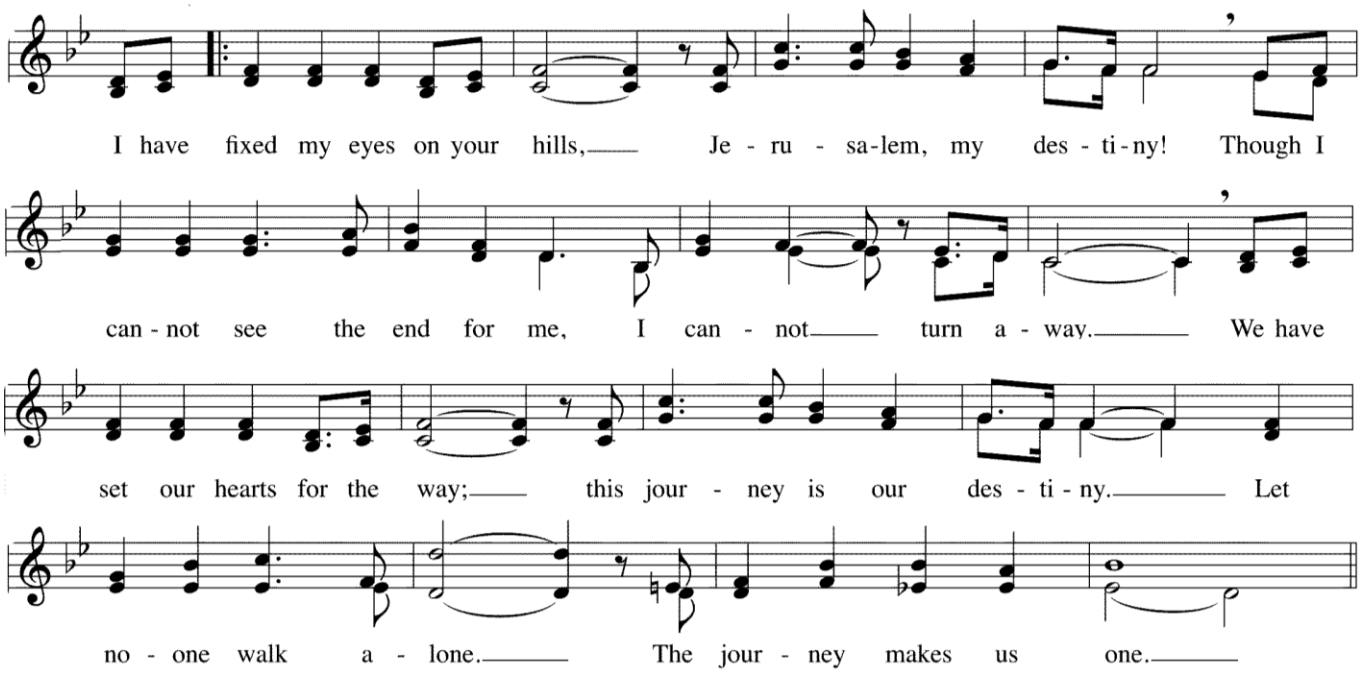
*A special message for children.*

## SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

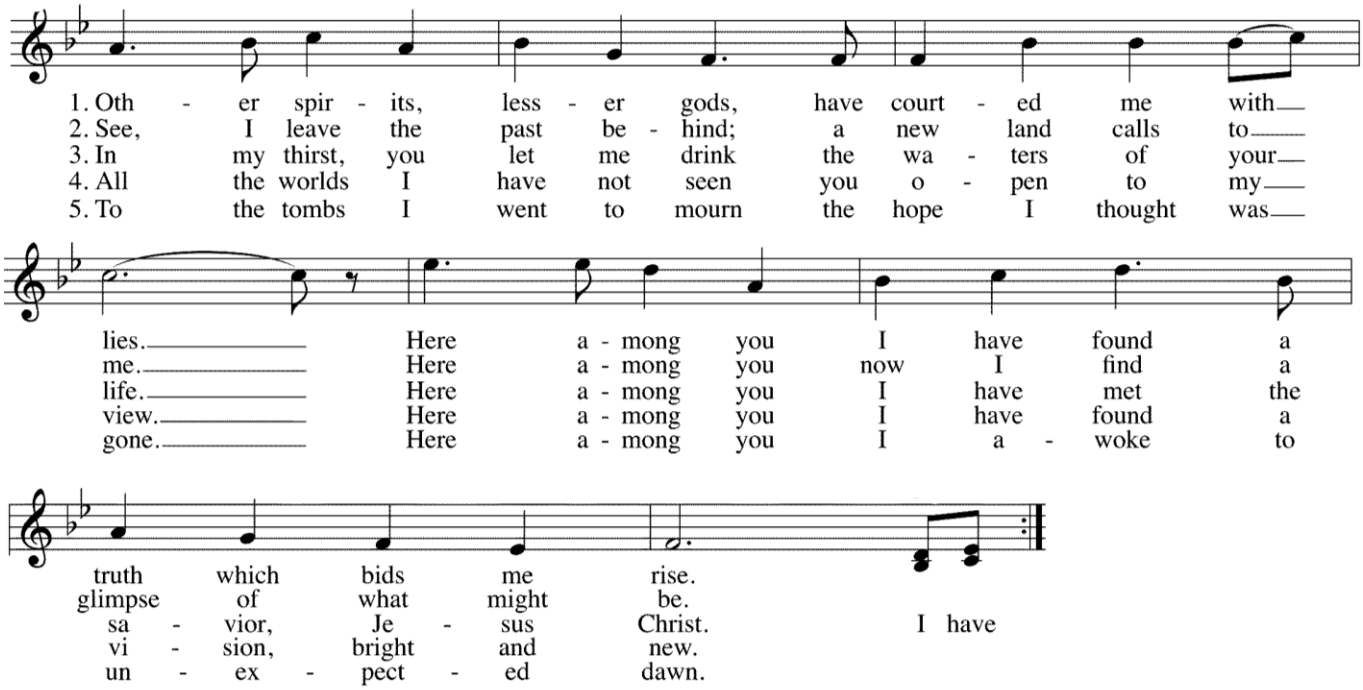
*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY - *"Jerusalem, My Destiny"*

**Refrain**


I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa-lem, my des - ti-ny! Though I
can - not see the end for me, I can - not turn a - way. We have
set our hearts for the way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

**Verses**


1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was
lies. Here a - mong you I have found a
me. Here a - mong you now I find a
life. Here a - mong you I have met the
view. Here a - mong you I have found a
gone. Here a - mong you I a - woke to
truth which bids me rise.
glimpse of what might be.
sa - vior, Je - sus Christ. I have
vi - sion, bright and new.
un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,**
**and was buried; he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,**
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: We pray for the church. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the earth. As you rescued Paul from the lion's mouth, rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard this earth as a gift. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in places of conflict, especially Iran, the United States, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo—and bring justice to each community. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief and heal those who are sick especially John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, Cheryl, Elizabeth, and John. Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains and ministries, and accompany all who are incarcerated and their families. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

*Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.*

A: We give thanks for all who rest in your eternal mercy. As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Paul, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

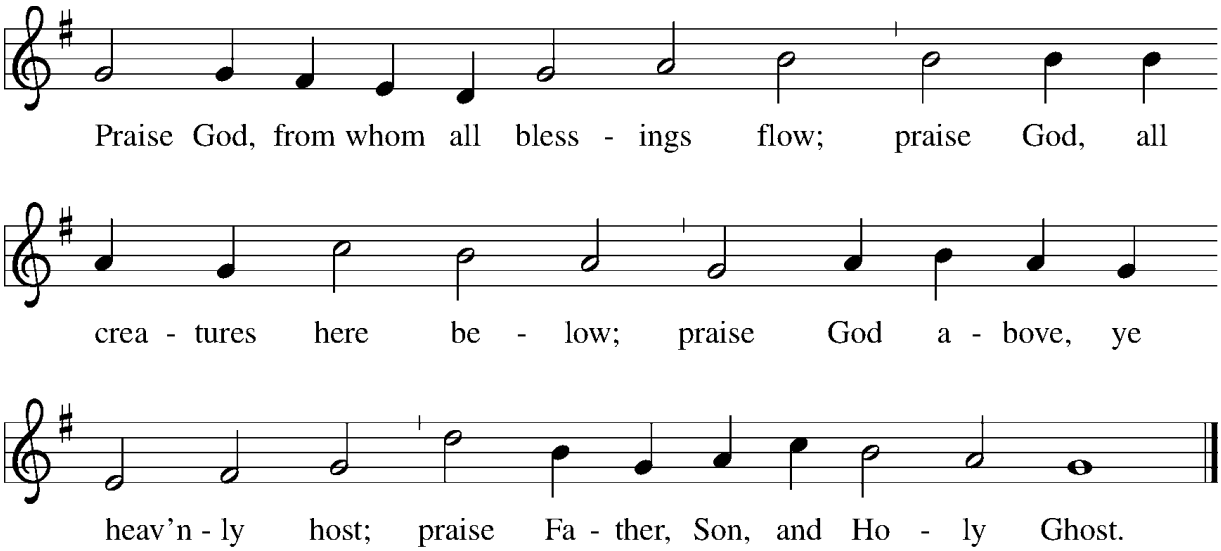
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

## OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

**C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

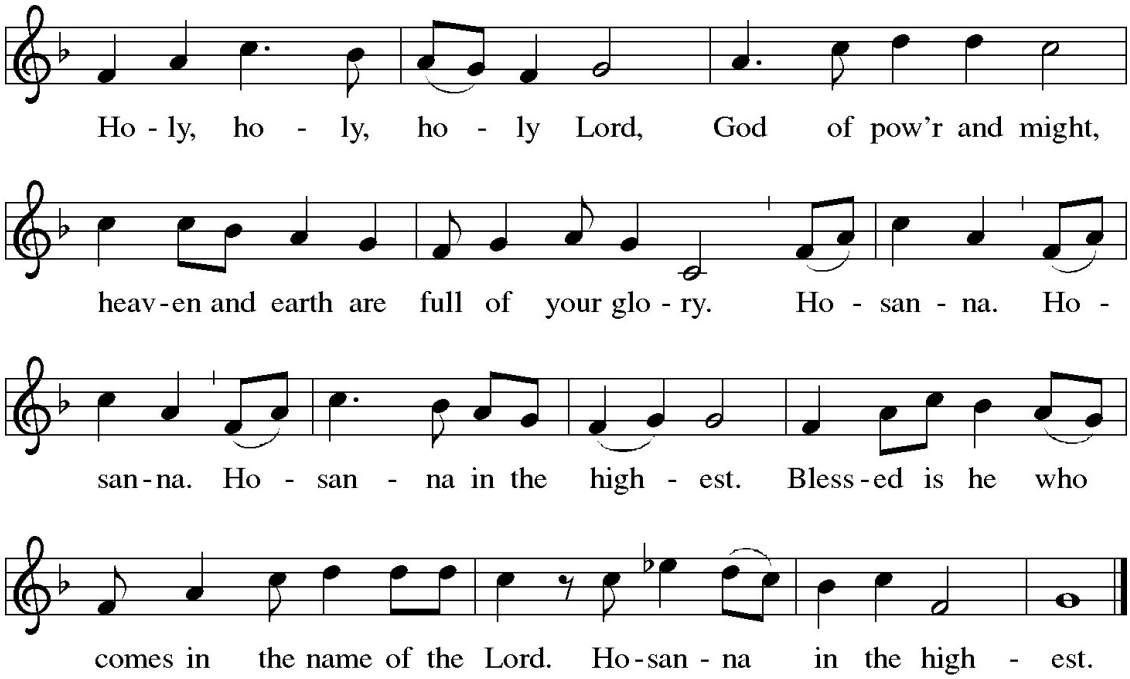
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites
and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.
We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

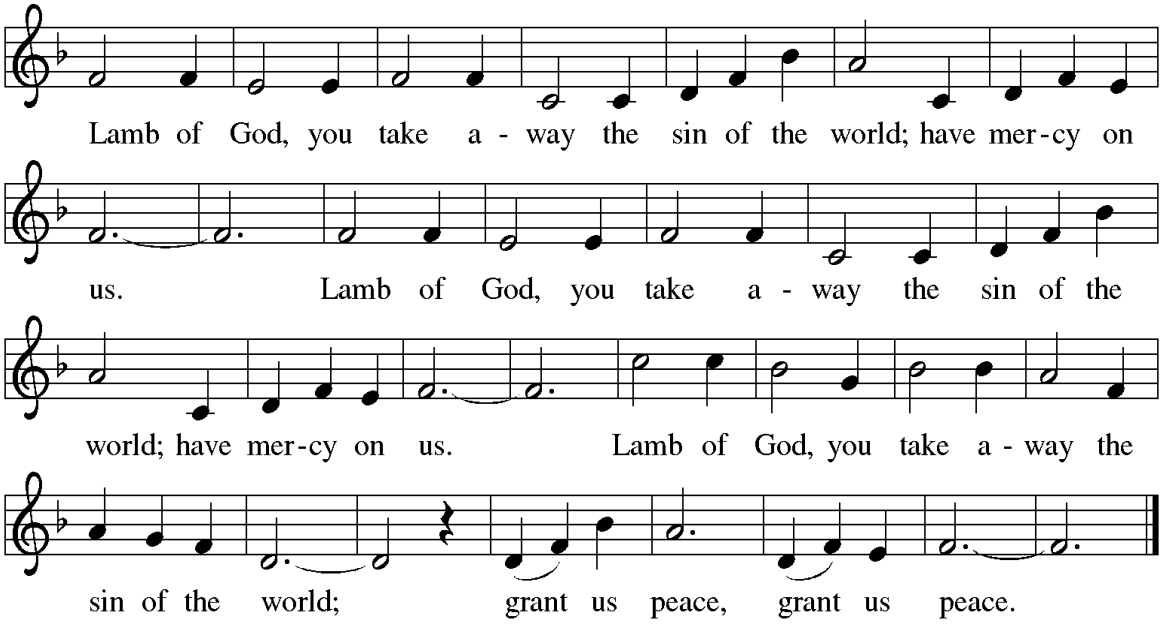
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

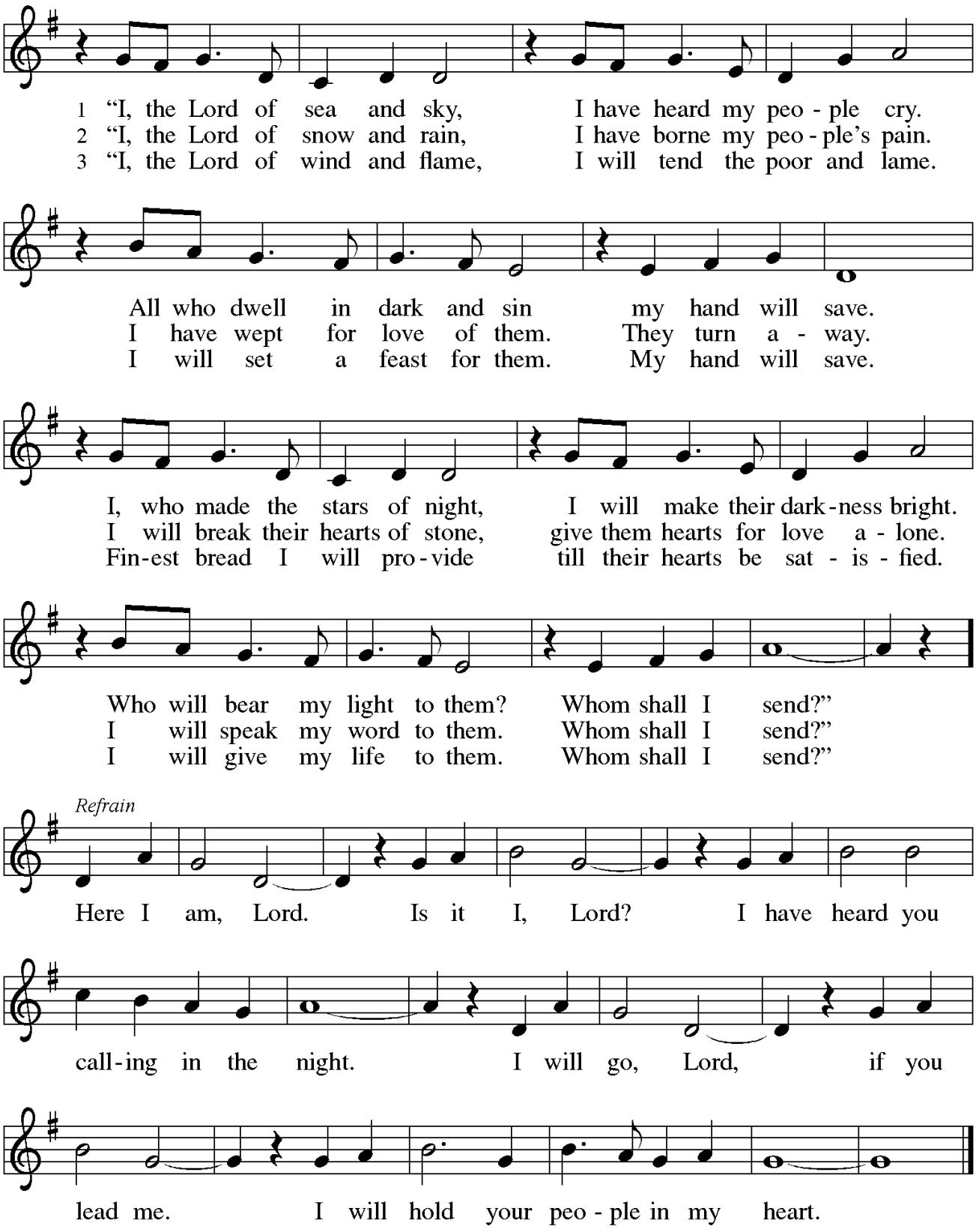
P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

# COMMUNION HYMN WOV 752

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"
Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

**C: Mothering God,**
**you gathered us to your table**
**and we drank deeply of your grace.**
**Send us out by your Spirit**
**to love our neighbors as ourselves**
**and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SENDING

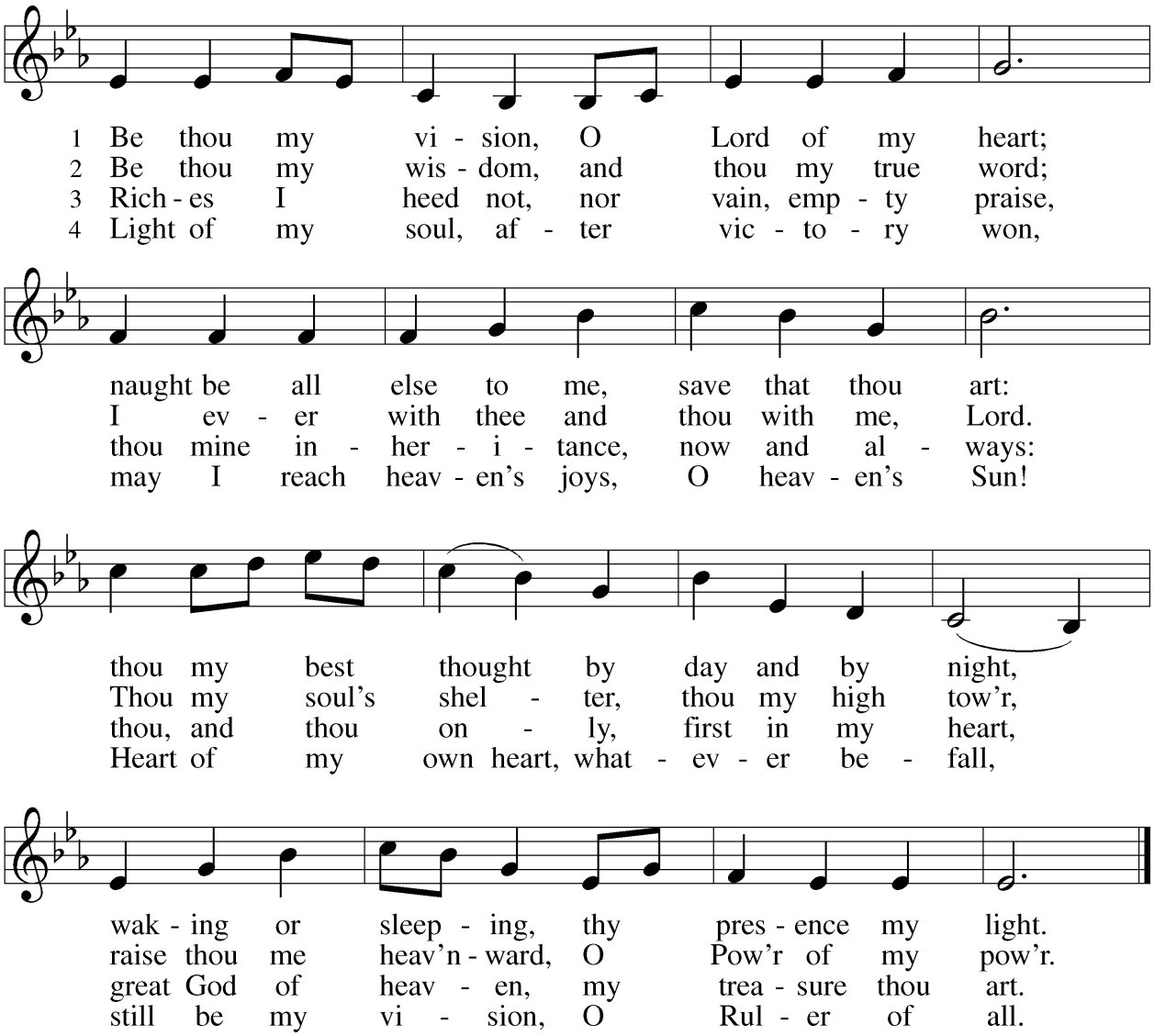
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✢ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN WOV 776

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
Music: SLANE, Irish tune

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.**

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

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**Please remember to wear your Name Tag**

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

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**Congregation Coffee-hour Conversations, June 22 and June 29**

Please join us for these back to back conversations about Emmanuel's core values, our sense of mission for this time and place, as well as our vision for ministry looking into the future. The transition team will sponsor and lead these conversations. We are looking for your input and want you as dialog partners. If you are able to contribute to our expanded refreshments for these events, we would appreciate it!

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**Emmanuel Directory**

If you have not already received your 2025 Emmanuel Directory, please see Linda Wilber after service. Thank you.

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**History in Maps:**

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Schedule for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start July 13th at 11:30 AM, following church services, in the lounge.

There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

**2025 Altar Flower Sign-up**
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

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**Ways to Give:** Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

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**Assisting Ministers Needed!**
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

# THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

**Sunday, June 29 – Peter and Paul, Apostles**

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

**Tuesday, July 1**

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:30pm
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Wednesday, July 2**

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

**Friday, July 4 – Office Closed – Happy 4th of July!**

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Sunday, July 6 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

**For those with young children:** Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

**Prayers requested for:** John, Mary, Vicki, Ruth, Steve, Marilynn, Barb, Krista, Dawn, Gary, Cheryl, Elizabeth, and John.

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*Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler*
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